LEHI FIRE DEPARTMENT



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What is Your Legacy?

I have been inspired by many people throughout my life. Teachers, mentors, friends, family members...all have played an instrumental part in my success.

Probably one of the persons who has had the most influence in my life is my wife. As a third grade school teacher for over thirty years, she is touching the lives of our future lead-

ers. Every year as the new school year begins, it's about the passion and pride that exudes from my wife as she shows me what activities and lessons will be taught. She is so humble, showing me around her classroom. The way the students light up when they see her, the respect she's earned from her co-workers, and how she commands the classroom with authority. I am in awe. You see, it's about the legacy she's building (and leaving) with those very young, impressionable minds. She's changing the world. It doesn't matter how large or small the task. She's making a difference to those students who might not have the support network at home. She believes in their skills and abilities, encouraging them to follow their dreams. Her students will not only remember Mrs. Howard, they'll remember what she taught them, how it affected their lives, and how it made them a better person. They'll remember her LEGACY.

I was on a fire when the son of the landowner, approximately 23 years old, saw my name on the back of my helmet. He asked me if I was Mrs. Howard's husband. I told him I was and he asked me something that caught me off guard; he said "will you tell her that she saved my life?" I said I would but I also inquired how she saved his life and he answered "she taught me how to read."

I told you this short story for one reason – to get you thinking about your LEGACY. How will you make your mark on the world? What will you leave behind? Will you leave things a little better than they were before, or will you rise to the challenge and go ten steps beyond that? I hope you'll do the latter. I believe you can make it happen.

- -The Founding Fathers of the United States, who had a dream of a place of self-determination
- Abraham Lincoln, who freed the slaves
- FDR, who saw us through the Great Depression
- The many men and woman who defended our liberties through the wars of the 20th century so we could live in freedom
- JFK, who called us to space exploration and set us on course to have a man walk on the moon
- Martin Luther King Jr., who left us a legacy to pursue the dream of racial equality

There are literally thousands of men and women who lived in a way that affects our lives today.

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These are the people who we knew, who we lived with, and who shaped us deeply, for good and for bad in some cases.

You see, a legacy can be anywhere on the continuum, from very bad to very good. It all depends on how we live our lives.

How we live our lives is critically important. I want to challenge you to take a look at how you live, to think deeply about the major areas of your life where you can and should leave a lasting legacy.

Purposefully leaving a legacy for others breaks the downward pull of selfishness that can be inherent in us. When we strive to leave a legacy, we are acting with a selflessness that can only be good for us.

Great leaders -- whether they lead entire organizations or groups within them -- leave a legacy that transcends them and cements their contribution to the growth and transformation of their organization.

Jeff Johnson, Chief of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (retired) presented some good ideas during a talk I attended. I think it is important for you to hear some of his points. He said "avoid the 5 steps of stupid;

Belonging Stupid

An overwhelming desire to fit in.

Ego Stupid

People with low ability to self-reflect

Have an inordinate belief in their ability

Superiority complex

Humor Stupid

Humor gone wrong

Nobody Can See Me Stupid

They believe their actions won't be discovered

Sex Stupid

Becoming involved with a supervisor or subordinate

What the public wants is the truth, accountability, improvement, and a person they can believe in and trust. How dare you be anything but the best when your customer doesn't have the choice?"

Special Operations Chief John Eversole of the Chicago Fire Department said;

"Our department makes 1120 calls every day. Do you know how many of the calls the public expects perfection on? 1120. Nobody calls the fire department and says, "send me two dumb-ass firemen in a pickup truck." In three minutes they want five brain-surgeon decathlon champions to come and solve all their problems."

What legacy will you leave?...It's your move.

Call Totals for the Month of July... Station Fire: 70 81 Medical: 31 Total: 101 Station Fire: 46 82 Medical: 24 Total: 70



Captain Robert Stanley standing job.

FOAM DAY

Once again, this year's Foam Day was an enormous success. From all indications it seems the citizens of our city and many from the surrounding area had a great time. All the feedback I received from those I spoke with was positive.

I'm not going to bore you with the amount of foam we made or the water used; I want to take this opportunity to thank those involved.

The success of Foam Day is the result of hard work and dedication of Lehi City's employees. This event keeps growing each year and involves several of the city's departments. Without fail, each member of every department involved steps up and does an out-

The members of Lehi CERT once again did a great job of keeping the crowd under control, dispensing first aid and making sure all the lost children and lost parents reunited. Without their desire to serve, our job would be difficult.

Thank you to the city administration and council for their continuing support of the event.

Last but certainly not least, I must give a big thanks to all of you that were able to assist. Your response to my

request for help was phenomenal. You made the job of organizing our part of the event extremely easy. It's a great feeling to be able to give an assignment and know it will be completed. I believe this is an extraordinary example of the caliber of our department members



FULLY INVOLVED



Featured Call

On July 3, 2012 Tower 82 and Brush 82 were dispatched to a brush fire in the Quail Hollow area of Alpine. The initial dispatch information informed us of a rapid moving brush fire that was threatening homes. The humidity was very low with a high temperature, and moderate winds coming from the southwest. The Tower was assigned structure protection on Box Elder Circle with two additional Lone Peak units. The brush truck was assigned to a

different division, and we had limited contact with them throughout the fire.



Captain Tim Robinson





Upon arrival we positioned the tower in front of the home at the end of Box Elder circle. The fire was approaching from the south rapidly, so the plan was to get water on the vegetation in front of and around the property until we needed to evacuate the area to preserve ourselves and apparatus. Engineer Smith was assigned to the lookout position, and we agreed on a designated evacuation point. If the fire approached this point we would have ample time to get crew and equipment out of the area safely. FF Kevin Beck and FF Lum were assigned to take the fire hydrant that was located in the circle which required a fifty foot section of LDH. After attaching the LDH to the tower, FF Lum deployed the Blitz monitor and FF Beck used a hand line to wet the vegetation around the home. 10-12 minutes lapsed when Engineer Smith informed us that the fire had approached our evacuation point. The flames were moving too fast for us to hold a safe position where we were located, so we evacuated to the next street north and began operations on Box Elder Drive.



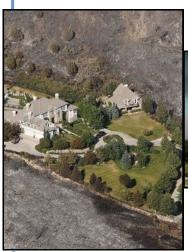
The fire burned over our previous position on Box Elder Circle and was threatening a barn at our current location on Box Elder Drive. FF Beck and FF Lum began to deploy hand lines and the Blitz monitor to protect the barn and homes on the north side of Box Elder Drive from the approaching flames. The barn was wood sided, and smoke was visible coming from the roof when we began to extend hand lines to protect it. By the time we approached the barn to begin operations, the barn was involved to the point we could not successfully contain

it. We retreated back to the road and began to wet vegetation along the road to prevent the fire from jumping to homes across the street. Engineer Smith and myself were assigned to take the tower back to our first assignment on Box Elder Circle to extinguish any hot spots around

the home if needed. Using the elevated master stream, we were able to contain most hot spots and extinguish the fire that was burning near the home.

The tower was then assigned to Bald Mountain Circle to assist South Jordan and Sandy units with structure protection. The fire had slowed down at this point with the aid of air support operations. We developed a plan to protect the homes within the circle, and held that position until the next morning. The fire did not reach our position.

This is the call of the "infamous 82 B shift", told by Captain Tim Robinson.











Birthdays

*Brad Jensen 8/9

*Josh Hicken 8/24

*Bryce Longaker 8/29



Employee of the Month - Lehi City

We are proud to announce that Fire Marshal Kerry Evans was awarded employee of the month for Lehi City. In his nomination memo, Chief Dale Ekins has this to say.

"Kerry was hired as our Fire Marshal a number 7 years ago and has done an excellent job in his duties in that capacity. He has kept on top of the changing fire codes and has been a resource for our city departments as well as for our developers and citizens. He has educated and kept the latest safety codes for our new business' as well as existing business' to keep our city safe. Our city has grown from 10,000 to just under 50,000 in the past 15-18 years and Kerry has been an integral part of the information needed during this growth.

He has actively worked with our cities emergency plan along with Assistant City Administrator, Ron Foggin. Kerry developed our cities emergency plan including the COOP, EOP, EOC, and communication plan. He has been in charge of a number of scenarios that our employees have been involved in to educate and teach them the NIMS process that is required by our federal government. (NIMS-National Incident Management System)

Kerry helped develop our Technical Rescue Team while we were volunteers and was instrumental in acquiring grants to help buy equipment and trailers for our volunteers and also neighboring cities for this team.

Kerry has been the main source for grant funds for Lehi Fire Department for the past 20 years being responsible for 5.8 Million dollars worth of funds for equipment manpower for our department. He recently wrote a grant request for over \$80,000 for the city of Lehi for communications upgrades. We were

awarded that grant. Our city has been very proactive in many areas because of the federal money that Kerry has been able to receive.

Kerry is a member of a number of committees that he attends weekly and monthly. A few that I am aware of are, a) DRC (Development Review Committee), b) was on our LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) for a number of years, c) Was president of Utah State Fire Marshal's Committee, and the Utah State Arson Investigators Committee.

Kerry started as a volunteer fireman in 1977 and has either worked as a volunteer since that time or has been a full time employee." Congratulations Kerry on this well deserved award!



Fire Marshal Kerry Evans

August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 82
5	6 Payroll	7	Annual Steak Fry 6:30pm Wines Park	Officer's Meeting @ station 82	10	Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 81 & 82
12	SRT Training	14 City Council Meeting 7pm City Hall	15 SRT Training	16	17	Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 81 & 82
19	20 Payroll	21	22	23	24	25 Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 81 & 82
26	27	28	29	30	31	